

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF SPECIMENS FOR AMPLIFIED, NON-CULTURE *N. gonorrhoeae* & *C. trachomatis* TESTING**

## **MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

**Note:** All specimens for testing must be received at the laboratory within five days of specimen collection.

**Note:** If the specimen container is received leaking, not properly labeled, test requisition not completed or the specimen label does not match the test requisition, the specimen will not be tested.

1. Collect the specimen (cervical and urethral specimens only) required for testing according to the instructions on the swab package.
2. Return the swab to the plastic tube and close securely.
3. Label swab's tube with the same name/unique identifier used on the requisition.
4. Record the name/unique identifier on the swab's tube for your records. You will use it to link the specimen to the patient.
5. Place up to five, properly labeled swabs, into the plastic bag (primary container) with the adsorbent provided and seal the bag.
6. Place the sealed plastic bag containing the swab(s) and adsorbent material into the Styrofoam shipping container (secondary container) provided.
7. Wrap **completed** test requisition(s) around outside of Styrofoam container and slide the Styrofoam and test requisition(s) into the shipping sleeve.
8. **Complete** and apply return shipping/diagnostic specimen label provided to shipping sleeve and transport by the most rapid and convenient means available (e.g., a courier, bus, or U. S. First Class, Priority, or Express mail etc.) to the appropriate laboratory as indicated on the shipping label.

**NOTE: The shipper is responsible for being sure that their package is in compliance with the current shipping regulations.**